

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Richmond (in cit.)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: Beers House			
AND/OR HISTORIC: William Beers House			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1228 E. Broad Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond			
STATE: Virginia	CODE: 760	COUNTY: in cit.	CODE: 760

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> in progress No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) _____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Offices _____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Virginia Commonwealth University (Medical College of Virginia)			
STREET AND NUMBER: _____			
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond		STATE: Virginia	CODE: 760

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Chancery Court, Richmond City Hall			
STREET AND NUMBER: _____			
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond		STATE: Virginia	CODE: 760
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/10 acre			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER: _____			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington		STATE: D. C.	CODE: 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Beers House is a rectangular brick structure of three stories crowned by an Italianate bracketed cornice and shallow hipped roof. The house as originally built was two and-a-half stories with a gable roof and dormers; the third story was added by the Beers family in 1860. Although the alteration was sympathetic with the original architecture, the change is apparent upon examination of the brickwork. The facade of the house is three-bays wide with the front door located in the bay nearest College Street. The door is enriched by sidelights and pilasters, and is framed by a ~~finely executed~~ porch containing coupled Greek Doric columns. Though indifferently maintained, most of the interior features, including a fine early staircase, remain generally intact. The small yard in front of the house is enclosed by an iron fence set in a brick retaining wall.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐

16th Century ☐

18th Century ☐

20th Century ☐

15th Century ☐

17th Century ☐

19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1839

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

losophy ☐

Architecture

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☒

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarian ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This Greek Revival townhouse was built in 1839 by William Beers, a merchant tailor, and was owned by the Beers family until 1872. The only other family who lived there for any length of time was the Morris Nelson family who owned the house from 1883 until 1909. In 1965 the house was acquired by the Medical College of Virginia which now uses it for offices.

While the Beers House is not especially distinguished in a historic sense, its location on the corner of College and Broad Streets make it an integral link in a group of historic buildings in the Medical College of Virginia area. Directly above the Beers House, on Broad Street, is Monumental Church; below it is the African Baptist Church; and behind it is the Egyptian Building. The Beers House is also the last remaining early house on Broad Street west of Shockhoe Valley.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scott, Mary Wingfield, Houses of Old Richmond, Richmond: 1941.
_____, Old Richmond Neighborhoods, Richmond: Whittet and
Shepperson, 1950.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		37	32	24
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0		77	25	45
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

March 27, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:

Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Richmond

STATE

Virginia

CODE

765

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Dr. Edward P. Alexander

Title Chairman, Virginia Historic
Landmarks Commission

Date March 29, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the
National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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